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DEFCON SYSTEM

I. Descriptions

| <u>Condition</u> | <u>Meaning</u> | <u>Action by Hq. Personnel</u> |
|------------------|--|---|
| DEFCON 5 | Normal readiness | None |
| DEFCON 4 | Increased intelligence watch | None |
| DEFCON 3 | Possible overt military preparedness measures | None |
| DEFCON 2 | Possible military and civil defense deployment | 25% (+ or -) of Emergency Force proceeds to emergency relocation center |
| DEFCON 1 | Readiness to execute war plans | Remainder of Emergency Force evacuates to emergency relocation center |

II. Method of Announcement

The system by which the CIA Emergency Force is to be alerted to proceed to the relocation point will also be used to announce changes in DEFCON (Defense Readiness Conditions).

III. Civil Defense Signals

a. ALERT SIGNAL: Steady 5 minute siren blast on outside signals; horn blasts 16 seconds on, 16 seconds off for 5 minutes on inside signals. MEANS: "Turn on your radios, listen for instructions, and prepare to take cover."

b. TAKE COVER SIGNAL: Rising and falling wailing siren for 3 minutes on outside signals; horn blasts 1 second on, 1 second off for 3 minutes on inside signals. MEANS: "Take cover in best shelter available."